



**JOSEPH J. COX**  
**President & CEO,**  
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Mr. Cox graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on February 10, 1967 and within a few days sailed for Vietnam. He spent two years on the Vietnam sealift and several years sailing as second and third mate to other parts of the world. He returned to the academy for one year to help institute a new midshipman leadership program. After leaving the Academy, he worked for the Maritime Standards Office of the Department of Labor where he eventually became a Program Manager of the Cargo Gear Certification Program.

After eight years with the Department of Labor, he accepted a position at the American shipowners' association, the Chamber of Shipping of America. He progressed through jobs as Marine Coordinator, Director of Marine Affairs, and Vice President and was elected President/CEO in 1997.

Mr. Cox has a Master's degree in Safety Management from the University of Southern California and was an adjunct professor at Northern Virginia Community College and Prince George's Community College for ten years. Among his professional duties, he has attended over seventy meetings of the International Maritime Organization on the U. S. delegation. He is the U.S. shipowner representative to the International Labor Organization in Geneva having been elected as the shipowner spokesman at five diplomatic conferences. He serves as President/Treasurer of the Marine Gas Hazards Control Program, is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, is Vice President of the International Cargo Gear Bureau and is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Cargo Bureau.

Mr. Cox resides in Fairfax, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, DC with his wife of 40 years, Lona. He has a daughter, Jennifer Conroy and a son, Brendan. He has two granddaughters, Madailein and Mary Katharine.